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Mr. James S. Pignatelli  
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Dear Mr. Pignatelli:

As you are probably aware, the Arizona Corporation Commission is planning a series of Energy workshops with the first one tentatively scheduled for mid-February. (Utilities Division will be in contact with you about this workshop.) Because of the immediacy of the current California energy crisis as evidenced by the recent rolling blackouts and direct state of California purchases of energy I would appreciate your answering the following questions:

1. What steps can be or are already being taken to make sure that the blackouts do not adversely affect Arizona?
2. It is my understanding that the Energy Secretary has ordered Western states utilities to provide electricity to California. Please clarify exactly what your company has been ordered to do by the Energy Secretary and whether complying with such orders could potentially adversely affect Arizona.

I am, of course, fully supportive of excess supply being made available to mitigate California's crisis. My first concern is, however, for the citizens and businesses of this state and I want to be fully informed as to the potential negative effects of California's crisis upon our state.

Please respond as promptly as possible to these issues. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

William A. Mundell  
Chairman